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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 19, 2001, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of a Notice of Reasons For Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office dated April 16, 2003, with respect to counterpart Patent Application JP 2000-123178, in which the Japanese Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H07-212395 to FUJI XEROX CO. LTD., published August 11, 1995;

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Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H08-079483 to CANON INC., published March 22, 1996; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. H08-056241 to OKI ELECTRIC IND. CO., LTD., published February 27, 1996.

The category of relevance, the particular portion(s) of each reference that is considered to be relevant, and the claims of the corresponding Japanese application to which each reference is considered to be relevant, are as set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as English language abstracts of the Japanese language references, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection is also enclosed, as well as an English language translation thereof. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned
at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William J. Bernstein', is written over the printed name. To the right of the signature, the number '33630' is handwritten.

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